

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – Agricultural Marketing Department – Departmental proceedings initiated by framing articles of charges against six (6) employees of AMC, Kadapa viz. Sri A. Lakshmikanth Babu, Supervisor, Sri B. Nagabhushanam, Senior Assistant, Smt. D.Ravanamma, Supervisor, Smt. M. Kalpana, DDM on OD as Selection Grade Secretary, Smt. P. Malleswari, Junior Assistant and Sri V.Sreedhar Reddy, Assistant Secretary – Case entrusted to Commissioner of Inquiries-KVR – Inquiry conducted – Charges held proved – Imposing of penalty – Orders – Issued.

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AGRICULTURE & CO-OPERATION(VIG.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.23

Dated:11.01.2024

Read the following:-

1. Letter C.No.45/DES-TCD/2018, dated:25.04.2019 of the Director General, ACB, AP.
2. G.O.Rt.No's. 144, 145, 146, 147, 148 and 149, Agri. & Coop.(Vig.II) Dept., dated:23.03.2021.
3. Written statements of defence submitted by Six (6) Charged Officers of AMC, Kadapa viz. Sri A. Lakshmikanth Babu, Supervisor, Sri B. Nagabhushanam, Senior Assistant, Smt. D. Ravanamma, Supervisor, Smt. M. Kalpana, DDM on OD as Selection Grade Secretary, Smt. P. Malleswari, Junior Assistant and Sri V. Sreedhar Reddy, Assistant Secretary.
4. G.O.Rt.No.114, Agri. & Coop.(Vig.II)Dept., dated:18.02.2022.
5. Govt.Memo No.AGC01-MKTG/68/2019-VIG.II, dated:18.02.2022.
6. Govt.Memo No.AGC01-MKTG/68/2019-VIG.II, dated:11.03.2022.
7. Letter No.45/DES-TCD/2018, dated:18.05.2022 of the Director General, ACB, AP, Vijayawada
8. Govt.Memo No.AGC01-MKTG/68/2019-VIG.II, dated:24.05.2022.
9. Inquiry report dated:31.01.2023 of the Commissioner of Inquiries-KVR & Inquiring Authority.
10. Govt.Memo No.AGC01-MKTG/68/2019-VIG.II, dated:13.03.2023.
11. Representations of all Charged Officers dated:24.04.2023, 25.04.2023, 27.04.2023 & 06.06.2023.

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ORDER:

In a disciplinary case, based on the recommendations of the Director General, ACB, AP, Vijayawada in the Surprise Check Report dated:25.04.2018 on the allegation of corruption at AMC, Kadapa, Government had initiated departmental proceedings by framing articles of charges against the following Six (6) Accused Officers vide G.Os 2nd read above respectively:-

- i. Sri A. Lakshmikanth Babu, the then Supervisor, AMC, Kadapa;
- ii. Sri B. Nagabhushanam, Senior Assistant, AMC, Kadapa;
- iii. Smt. D. Ravanamma, the then Supervisor, AMC, Kadapa;
- iv. Smt. M. Kalpana, the then Deputy Director of Marketing on OD as Selection Grade Secretary, AMC, Kadapa;
- v. Smt. P. Malleswari, the then Junior Assistant, AMC, Kadapa; and
- vi. Sri V. Sreedhar Reddy, the then Assistant Secretary, AMC, Kadapa.

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2. All the Six (6) Charged Officers have submitted their written statements of defence denying the articles of charges framed against them and requested to drop further action against them.

3. Since the Charged Officers have denied the charges framed against them, in the G.O. 4th read above, orders were issued appointing Sri K.Venkata Rami Reddy, Member, Commissioner of Inquiries as the Inquiring Authority to conduct common inquiry into the charges framed against the said six (6) Charged Officers. In the reference 8th read above, orders were also issued appointing Sri S. Srinivasa Rao, Advocate as Presenting Officer to present the case before the Inquiry Authority (COI-KVR) in support of articles of charges framed against all six(6) Charged Officers.

4. After conducting common inquiry, Sri K.Venkata Rami Reddy, Member, Commissioner of Inquiries as the Inquiring Authority has furnished the inquiry report dated:31.01.2023. The findings of the Commissioner of Inquiries-KVR in the inquiry report are as follows:-

- i. Charges-1 & 2 are held proved against CO-1 i.e. Sri A.Lakshmikanth, Supervisor, AMC, Kadapa;
- ii. Charges -1 & 2 are held proved against CO-2 i.e. Sri B.Nagabhushanam, Senior Assistant, AMC, Kadapa;
- iii. Charges-1 & 2 are held proved against CO-3 i.e. Smt. D.Ravanamma, Supervisor, AMC, Kadapa; Charges-1, 2, 3 & 4 are held proved against CO-4 i.e. Smt. M.Kalpana, DDM on OD as Selection Grade Secretary, AMC, Kadapa; Charges-1 & 2 are held proved against CO-5 i.e. Smt. P. Malleswari, Junior Assistant, AMC, Kadapa;
- iv. Charges-1,2,3,4 & 5 are held proved against CO-6 i.e. Sri V.Sreedhar Reddy, Assistant Secretary, AMC, Kadapa.

5. Government, after careful examination of the entire matter, have decided to accept the findings of the Commissioner of Inquiries-KVR in the inquiry report dated:31.01.2023, in the instant disciplinary case. Accordingly, in the reference 10th read above, a copy of the inquiry report dated:31.01.2023 has been communicated to all Six (6) Charged Officers.

6. In the reference 11th read above, all Six (6) Charged Officers have submitted their representations denying the findings of the Commissioner of Inquiries-KVR in the inquiry report dated:31.01.2023 and requested to drop further action against them.

7. After thorough examination of the entire matter with reference to the record of inquiry, Government have observed that all the Six (6) Charged Officers have not put-forth any new grounds for consideration and not provided any evidence in contrary. Therefore Government have decided to impose a major penalty of "Stoppage of five (5) annual grade increments with cumulative effect on future increments and pension, against all the Six (6) Charged Officers viz. (i) Sri A. Lakshmikanth Babu, Supervisor, AMC, Kadapa, (ii) Sri B. Nagabhushanam, Senior Assistant, AMC, Kadapa, (iii) Smt. D. Ravanamma, Supervisor, AMC, Kadapa, (iv) Smt. M. Kalpana, Deputy Director of Marketing on OD as Selection Grade Secretary, AMC, Kadapa, (v) Smt. P. Malleswari, Junior Assistant, AMC, Kadapa and (vi) Sri V. Sreedhar Reddy, Assistant Secretary, AMC, Kadapa, since it was established in the inquiry that the charges pertains to their lack of integrity and indulgence in serious financial corrupt practices, which is detrimental to the society and needs to be curbed early with strict action as deterrence for others, in the instant disciplinary case.

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8. Accordingly, Government hereby order to impose a penalty of "Stoppage of five (5) annual grade increments with cumulative effect on future increments and pension, against all the Six (6) Charged Officers viz. (i) Sri A. Lakshmikanth Babu, Supervisor, AMC, Kadapa, (ii) Sri B. Nagabhushanam, Senior Assistant, AMC, Kadapa, (iii) Smt. D. Ravanamma, Supervisor, AMC, Kadapa, (iv) Smt. M. Kalpana, Deputy Director of Marketing on OD as Selection Grade Secretary, AMC, Kadapa, (v) Smt. P. Malleswari, Junior Assistant, AMC, Kadapa and (vi) Sri V. Sreedhar Reddy, Assistant Secretary, AMC, Kadapa, in the instant disciplinary case.

9. The Commissioner & Director of Agricultural Marketing, A.P., Guntur shall take further necessary action in the matter, accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

**CHIRANJIV CHOUDHARY, IFS,
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

To

Sri A. Lakshmikanth Babu, the then Supervisor, AMC, Kadapa;
Sri B. Nagabhushanam, Senior Assistant, AMC, Kadapa;
Smt. D. Ravanamma, the then Supervisor, AMC, Kadapa;
Smt. M. Kalpana, the then Deputy Director of Marketing on OD as Selection Grade Secretary, AMC, Kadapa;
Smt. P. Malleswari, the then Junior Assistant, AMC, Kadapa; and
Sri V. Sreedhar Reddy, the then Assistant Secretary, AMC, Kadapa.
(Through : The Commissioner & Director of Agricultural Marketing, A.P., Guntur)

Copy to:-

The Commissioner & Director of Agricultural Marketing, A.P., Guntur.
The Director General, ACB, A.P., Vijayawada.
The Secretary to Vigilance Commission,
A.P. Vigilance Commission, A.P. Secretariat.

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